GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPORT TO MALARIA RESEARCH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide financial and technical support to Malaria Research Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the achievements in malaria research; and

(d) the amount allocated during each of the last three years particularly to MRC, Chennai?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 434 FOR 22.8.2001

The Government provides financial and technical support to Malaria research in the country through the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The Malaria Research Centre (MRC) of the ICMR came into being 1977 with Headquarters at Delhi. The MRC through its 12 field stations spread across the country, carries out multi-disciplinary research on various aspects of Malaria.

The details of the funds received by MRC, Delhi during the last 3 years are given as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

YEAR	MRC DELHI (Under MRC, Delhi)	EXTRAMURAL PROJECTS	TOTAL
1998-99	614.75	386.98	1001.73
1999-2000	498.76	489.24	988.00
2000-2001	496.97	448.62	944.39

Some of the major achievements of the centre are enumerated as under:

- It has been shown that the Bio-environmental control strategy can be used to control Malaria in certain epidemiological situations.

- New insecticides, biocides and drugs were evaluated and recommended for use in the programme.

- Insecticide impregnated bednet trials carried out and shown that this is an effective tool for malaria control.

- Efficacy of larvivorous fish has been conclusively established.

- New knowledge on biology of malaria vectors has been generated which is useful in planning malaria control strategies.

- New methods have been developed for malariogenic stratification.

- Rapid diagnostic test kits for the detection of malaria parasites have been evaluated and are now being used in programme.

The details of the funds provided to field station at Chennai under IDVC project during the last three years is given as under:

(Rs.in lakhs)

Year	Funds
1998-99	18.51
1999-2000	21.29
2000-2001	23.44